

Topaz Times

THE CITY

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SANTA ANITA GROUP ARRIVES; TANFORAN CONTINGENT DELAYED

Five hundred and fifty former San Franciscans arrived Thursday from the Santa Anita Assembly Center and were settled in Blocks 33, 34 and part of 40, increasing the City's population to 7856 residents. The majority of them were those who formed the first group to be evacuated from San Francisco.

The Tanforan workers' group, scheduled to arrive tomorrow, has been delayed until further notice, according to the Administration. They will remain to do emergency work, it was reported. Further details were not available.

The Santa Anita contingent left Arcadia Wednesday morning at 9 AM (PWT), and the first bus arrived here a little after 1 PM Thursday. The arrivals first lunched at Dining Hall 34 and 35 before going through the induction process, which was carried out at the Block 42 induction center.

Among the group were 3 persons 79 years old: Yasuhiro Inouye, Hiroshi Onishi, Sr. and Yujiro Yamada. The youngest Anitan was a 2-month-old baby.

The Anitans will be honored guests at tonight's (Saturday) dance at Dining Hall 26. A new shipment of records has arrived and will be used on this occasion, which will be for couples only.

The Community Activities Section has scheduled a special rally for the group Sunday night from 7:30 PM at Dining Hall 34. During the first part of the evening, members of the administrative staff will be introduced to the newcomers by Charles F. Ernst, project director.

This will be followed by a program of informal entertainment, featuring the appearance of Claude C. Cornwall, chief of the Employment and Housing Division, in his renditions of Irish ballads. Also on the program will be the Cossacks, of Tanforan fame, and 5 other numbers.



BASIC CLOTHING

Distribution of basic clothing ordered in Tanforan began Tuesday in the City.

The distributing staff will work all day Sunday to get the packages to the residents as quickly as possible. The work is expected to be completed in 10 days.

When the head of the family is notified that his order has arrived, he should bring his call and claim slip with him to the administrative warehouse, located north of Block 3.

"It must be noted," said L. T. Hehir, Tanforan WCCA clothing executive, "that all the orders were received in mixed lots and piled up in the warehouse; therefore, it may be likely that late orderers may receive their packages before those who ordered early."

By Army order, there will be no exchange made at the clothing headquarters on goods received, even if not ordered. Co-director Toshinaga Shimomura recommended that changes be made with neighbors since any goods returned to the headquarters will be rejected and returned.

A total of 31,000 lbs. of merchandise will be issued.

EDUCATION

Visiting the City this week and assisting with the evolution of the educational curriculum is Robert E. Gibson, assistant director of education and recreation for the WRA.

"From our viewpoint, any educational system must be responsive to the needs of the people," Gibson said. "Individual communities should be left to determine their own educational program. I want to help in the process of evolving it."

He believed that the prevailing educational
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BULLETIN BOARD

ELECTRICITY: Arthur Eaton, head of the Housing section, this week asked residents not to use electrical appliances between 5 PM and 8 AM (unless vitally necessary).

Eaton explained that the City's present electrical stations are temporary ones, with a total capacity of only 300 kilowatts, as compared to the 1500-kilowatt stations to be permanently installed.

A survey last week showed that the circuits were carrying almost double their nominal load; and on Sunday, Oct. 4, a major transformer was burned out.

Eaton warned that until the 1500-kilowatt stations are installed, the above regulations must be observed to prevent a complete break-down of the system.

In the meanwhile, to ease the load, the number of street lamps lighted at night have been cut down. But, Eaton pointed out, this partial dim-out of the City was "a dangerous hinderance to the work of the Public Safety and Fire Control divisions."

STOVES: According to the Community Welfare division, families with members in the following categories may apply to the Welfare division (Rec Hall 30) for immediate installation of stoves: children, 2 years and under; aged, 65 years and over; and others who have doctor's certificates testifying to their need.

Installation of stoves is being conducted according to schedule, but special provisions are being made for these cases.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Division of Public Safety, at Rec 11, this week asked that all accidents and any article lost or found be reported to them; and that a lost child be reported to the district warden or to the office.

Ralph Fridley, division chief, declared that there are no regulations yet as to residents keeping pet dogs and cats, and that



HOUSING

POPULATION: The second movement from Tanforan to Topaz, from Sept. 28 through Oct. 3, brought 3177 persons here, making a total of 7,361 persons for the 2 movements. To this number were added 3 baby girls, born at the Topaz Infirmary; and from this number were subtracted 56 sugar beet workers who left here for Box Elder County; and so at the end of last week the population of Topaz City stood at 7,306 persons.

This week, a contingent of 560 persons from Santa Anita reached here Thursday; and tomorrow (Sunday), 279 more were expected from Tanforan, ending the mass movements to Topaz.

PROBLEMS: From the day the first group arrived, the housing department was hard pressed to provide families of 2's and 3's with their own rooms. This problem mounted geometrically with the arrival of each new group; and, further, the new arrivals began to come in faster than their houses could be readied for occupancy. The department became direly pressed to provide even adequate shelter and bedding equipment for the new residents, much less to satisfy the small families whose influx was so heavy as to number 51 couples and 55 families of 3 members on a single day (Oct. 1). And families averaged only 3 persons for last week, in contrast to 4 persons for the preceding weeks.

SUPPLIES: To relieve the shortage of bedding equipment, CCC supplies were rushed here, while Arthur Eaton, head of the Quarters section, explained: "I want to emphasize right now that the equipment was used formerly and will be replaced by regular new army supplies as soon as we receive them."

Eaton took stock this week and found there were 3500 blankets and 1000 comforters in the Topaz warehouses, but no cotton mattresses were available (on Monday). But he agreed with the statement released last week by Paul H. Baker, Chief of the Maintenance and Operations Division, that there was no stove shortage. He said the delay in installing stoves in C and D apartments was only a temporary measure, and that all apartments were scheduled to receive stoves.

PARTITIONS: Meanwhile, families forced to share a single room were asking at least for partitions to relieve the situation, but lack of materials and skilled carpenters held back the work on partitions. A planning committee, appointed Monday, introduced a proposal that those in urgent need of partitions approach the housing committee for scrap lumber with which to build their own partitions, and Claude Cornwall, Chief of the Employment and Housing Division, was reported as investigating means of altering the apartments to accommodate the small families. - Harumi Kawahara

the Community Council must make the regulations.

Dr. Hirota, chairman of the Council, said the Council is taking the matter under consideration and hopes to poll the residents for their opinions on the question.

WARNING: Arthur Eaton, head of the Housing section, this week warned that all persons residing in buildings with unfinished roofs should take precautions against the possibility of being burned by falling drops of hot tar used by the construct-

ion workers to seal the roofing felt. Residents should be especially careful when passing under doorways and incomplete chimney openings.

FIREMEN: Training for volunteer firemen, which will make them eligible to fill openings in the regular force, will be held 2 hours a week, according to Bill Nakahara, fire chief. Those volunteering should be over 16 years of age. Applications are being received at the Fire House, east of the Post Office.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

The current program of the Community Activities section was described as follows this week by Ted Hirota, a member of the section staff:

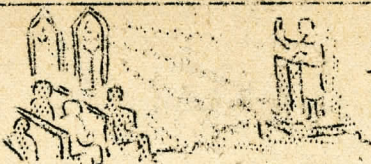
"With Topaz City now almost fully settled, the Community Activities section is busy planning and organizing a community recreation program designed to serve everyone. When there are almost 9000 persons within one square mile, the need for leadership in the use of leisure time is certainly self-evident.

"The section staff has 36 members at present and is headed, temporarily, by Kim Oyata. Eventually, there will be approximately 120 employees in the recreation field, and the department will be supervised by Emily Minton, formerly of the Oakland Recreation department, who is arriving here within the next few days.

"During the first month of this City's life, the Activities group spent most of its time arranging welcome meetings, entertainments, dances and rallies. Also, Rec Halls 6, 11, 20, 23, and 37 have been opened, and 3 more centers will be opening this coming week in other parts of the City.

"All the recreational supplies now being used in the various halls here were donated by the Tanforan recreation program and are really inadequate to service this large community. Requisitions have been placed for athletic equipment, handicraft material and reading matter; and if they come through, the program will begin to roll.

"In the meantime, play area facilities are being mapped out by the section leaders, with the assistance of the landscape architects division. During their spare time, the residents must all aid the Activities section in constructing the numerous courts, diamonds, courses, fields, rinks; this volun-



THE CHURCHES

With the Rev. Taro Goto as chairman, the Inter-Faith Ministerial Association met Wednesday, Sept. 30, at 4-9-B.

The Rev. I. Kyogoku was appointed to head a ministerial committee which will work with the adult education department on a program (in the Japanese language) of Americanization. Members of this committee are: H. Honnami, Catholic; S. Sanada, Buddhist; J. Fujii, E. Kawamori, Protestant; George Aso, Seventh Day Adventist.

A religious night, possibly on Wednesday, was suggested at this time.

Church schedules were announced as follows:

BUDDHIST CHURCH AT REC #6 and #28

Sunday School at Rec #6 from 9 a.m.--Rev. S. Sanada, Masuji Fujii, speakers; Utaka Nakayama, chairman.

Young People's Service at Rec #28 from 10 a.m. Sunday--Matsato Maruyama, chairman; Rev. K. Kumata, speaker.

Adult Service at Rec #6 from 10 a.m. Sunday--Matsuzo Kurokawa, chairman; Rev. T. Kashima, speaker.

Those attending the services were asked to provide their own chairs.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST AT REC #14.

Sabbath School from 9 a.m. Saturday--Mrs. Tsujimura, George Aso, chairman.

Worship Service from 10 a.m. Saturday--K. Uchima, chairman; George Aso, speaker.

CATHOLIC CHURCH AT REC #3.

Mass at 8 a.m. Sunday, to be conducted by Father Stoecke.

Evening Mass from 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Father Stoecke will be present from 7:30 p.m. on Sunday morning for confession.

PROTESTANT CHURCH AT REC #3.

English Speaking Church--Sunday School from 9 a.m.; K. Murata, chairman; Rev. M. Wakai, speaker. English service at 10 a.m. Sunday--Rev. J. Yamashita, chairman; Rev. J. Tsukamoto, speaker.

Japanese Speaking Church--Sunday Morning Service from 10 a.m.; Rev. S. Shimada, chairman; Rev. I. Tanaka, speaker. Sunday evening services at Rec #5 from 7 p.m. with Rev. Hayakawa as chairman and Rev. Kawamori as speaker and at Rec #22 from 7 p.m. with Rev. S. Suyehiro as chairman and Rev. S. Shimada as speaker. Wednesday evening service at Rec #5 from 7 p.m. with Mr. Sera as chairman and Rev. M. Nishimura as speaker.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mrs. K. Inouye, Hirosuke Inouye and Yoneko Inouye wish to express their appreciation to all friends who attended the Memorial Service for Katherine F. Inouye.

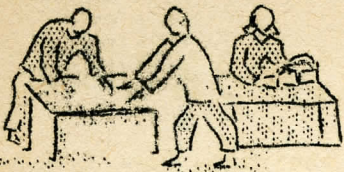
tary help will facilitate limited due to lack of the early opening of the recreation area." equipment.

REC HALLS: Kimio Obata, convener of the Community Activities division, today appealed to residents to bring their own equipment to the rec halls until the halls are able to obtain their supplies.

Five rec halls are now open: 23, 37, 11, 20 and 6. But their use has been clear their requests through the Community Activities division.

Obata said the halls are available to bridge players; that ping pong tables will be installed shortly; and that other games will be established as soon as supplies are available.

Departments or divisions wishing to use the rec halls are asked to



system in the average American community needs reconstruction and that the WRA projects have the opportunity to set an example for America in this respect.

Citing the aims of his office, Gibson declared, "We on the WRA education end have been charged with the responsibility of not only maintaining the skills, the knowledge, the ability of your people, but to send them out improved and even better than when you came here under the circumstances of the war emergency."

Previous to his present job, Gibson served for 15 years as Superintendent of Schools at Walnut Creek in Contra Costa County, Calif.

STUDENT RELOCATION



Opening Topaz's student relocation movement, Mitsuo Yamamoto, Daisaku C. Mukai and George M. Hirose left here Wednesday afternoon at 2 PM.

Yamamoto (from Hawaii), in his first year of dentistry, will attend Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska; and Mukai, former U.C. senior in chemistry, will enroll at the University of Nebraska, also located in Lincoln.

Hirose, a senior, left for Huron College in South Dakota.

Two others, Kazumasa R. Nomura and George S. Ishida, are scheduled to leave here sometime during the coming week. Ishida, will enter the University of Utah, and Nomura, on a scholarship, will enroll at the Chesbrough Seminary in North Chili, New York.

SUGAR BEETS

Included in the group of 53 sugar beet workers who left Wednesday afternoon were 9 toppeers headed for Malheur County, Oregon. This was the first instance in which workers from Topaz have gone to a Pacific Coast state.

In the Wednesday contingent 5 left for Canyon County, Idaho, while 14

went to Morgan County, 13 to Cache County and 12 to Davis and Weber Counties, all in Utah.

Total of residents who have gone to the sugar-beet fields, including the group of 89 which left on Tuesday, is now 201.

BARBER SHOP



Topaz City Barber Service opened Thursday morning in Rec Hall 12, across the road from the Canteen.

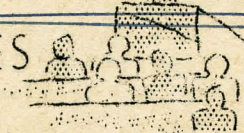
A part of the Consumer Enterprises, the 10-chair shop has temporarily set its prices for hair-cuts at 25¢ (adults) and 20¢ (children). Lack of facilities limits the service to hair-cuts only.

Until stoves are installed, the hours are from 9 AM to 4:30 PM.

The staff requests that customers wash their hair before the sitting so as to minimize dulling of clippers and scissors by the dust.

At present, the barbers are Sataro Harano, Junjo Koga, Yajiro Okamoto, K. Shimada, Yonezo Suzuki and Frank Yamaguma. The staff will be expanded with the addition of 6 more barbers soon.

MOVIES



"Topaz City's populace will be treated to their first movies here daily starting from probably Monday or Tuesday evening, Oct. 12 or 13," Yoshio Katayama, motion pictures committee chairman, announced today. "One of 3 full-length features—a drama, a comedy and a western—will be shown in Dining Halls 12, 13 and 26 from 7:30 PM.

"Because every dining hall has limited seating capacity, attendance will be controlled by issuance of tickets at the Canteen between 9 AM and 5 PM every day except Sunday. Number of patrons for each of our 3 theatres has been set at 350 per evening."

Residents are advised

to bring cushions or blankets.

To defray the expenses of the movies, donations will be accepted temporarily at the Canteen.

CO-OPS



A nation-wide series of radio broadcasts by the Co-operative League of U. S. A., designed to provide information on consumer cooperatives, begins Sunday, Oct. 11, according to Walter Honderick, chief of Community Enterprises.

The series will consist of 13 Sunday broadcasts and will be carried by Spokane's KHQ, from 3:45 PM to 4 PM; and Amarillo's KGNG, from 5:30 to 5:45 PM.

FENCES



Project engineers are now surveying to locate the boundaries of Topaz City proper, which will be marked by a standard highway (4-strand wire) fence, according to the Administration.

The boundaries of the entire Project area will be marked by a series of signs (mounted on posts).

When these boundaries are established, notice will be given to the residents that the entire Project area, as defined by the sign-posts, will be open to them from sunrise to sunset; while from sunset to sunrise, the fence-boundaries of the City proper will be in effect.

The Administration announcement explained that the army is providing materials for the fence, while the Project is furnishing the labor. It was said that no skilled carpenters are included in the group employed on this work.

4TH BABY



George Tsukamoto, 31-1-A, became the father of a 6 lbs. 12 oz. baby girl at 11:40 AM, Monday. The delivery was attended by Dr. Eugenia Fujita in the Topaz Hospital.